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MCC Recants Kohn Charge On Landrieu

The Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans Inc. today recanted its conflict of interest charge against Councilman-at-large Moon Landrieu.

Last week the commission's managing director, Aaron M. Kohn, said Landrieu's position as a member of the City Council and as lawyer for the Tac Amusement Co. involved a conflict of interest.

In a statement today, the commission said Landrieu met with members of the commission's executive committee on Monday and it is now satisfied that Landrieu's voting record on the council in matters involving the revocation of liquor license indicates no evidence of the use of influence.

The commission's statement follows:

"In a press conference held on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1967, by E. C. Upton Jr., president, and Aaron Kohn, managing director, of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, statements in response to press questions were made concerning Mr. Maurice "Moon" Landrieu, member of the City Council of New Orleans.

"On Monday, Sept. 18, 1967, Mr. Landrieu at his own request appeared before the executive committee of the Metropolitan Crime Commission and produced transcripts

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of articles and broadcasts of news media. He also produced certified copies of all cases brought before the City Council pertaining to liquor licenses since Mr. Landrieu has been a councilman. This included evidence in the cases plus the voting record of each of the councilmen.

"The executive committee is fully satisfied that Mr. Landrieu's voting record clearly indicates no evidence of the use of influence or a conflict of interest in these cases.

"The executive committee also wishes to make it clear that at no time was the statement made, as alleged, that Mr. Landrieu was 'obligated to mobsters' or 'playing ball with the Cosa Nostra' or 'attorney for the mob.'

"Mr. Kohn and the members of the executive committee feel that an injustice has been done to Mr. Landrieu. He has proven himself a very capable and constructive member of the City Council and we regret that any recent publicity conveyed any impressions to the contrary."

Jury to Quiz Vice, Narcotics Squad Chiefs

Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso and the officers in charge of the vice and narcotics squads have been requested to testify tomorrow before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with the district attorney's investigation into accusations that organized crime flourishes in New Orleans.

Also scheduled to testify is Aaron Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, who aided Life magazine in its article reporting racketeering influences in Louisiana.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison initiated the grand jury probe last week, saying he would resign if the charges proved true and that Kohn should do likewise if evidence indicates the allegations are baseless.

Kohn and officers of the MCC testified before the jury for two days last week.

Other than Giarrusso, the police officers requested to testify are Lt. Clarence Giarrusso, commander of the narcotics squad, and Lt. Fredrick Soule Sr., vice squad chief.

The jury also issued subpenas today for Pershing Gervais, 3114 Maurepas, and Frank Caracci, 2519 S. Broad, to appear tomorrow at 11 a. m. Gervais was the one-time controversial chief investigator for Garrison. Caracci runs the 500 Club on Bourbon st.